

Appl. No. 10/538,283
Amendment

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0029] of the specification as published (US 2006/0015503 A1) to read as follows:

[0029] The stations S1, S2 and S3 are capable of radio communication with any portable devices 10a, 10b, 10c brought into range and which comply with the protocol of communication. In this example the protocol is the low power, short range (up to 50 m) standard defined by the ZigBee Alliance (~~www.ZigBee.com~~) and currently being standardised as IEEE802.15.4. The Alliance defines a simple, relatively low bit rate (250 kbits/s) and low power (or power efficient) scheme for digital radio communication using direct sequence spread spectrum techniques at 2.4 GHz. A ZigBee radio module is planned to sell in the \$1-\$2 range initially and therefore represents an extremely low cost and low power radio solution suitable for implementation in many devices from light switches and set-top-boxes to mobile telephones and laptops.

Please amend paragraph [0044] of the specification as published to read as follows:
[0044] The use of a low power radio system such as that as defined by the ZigBee alliance, (~~www.ZigBee.com~~), enables many objects to be fitted with radio communication means.